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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As an industry expert, I would like to express my opinion on the recent settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. While it is good that Microsoft will not be broken up, it is my opinion that litigation should never have occurred in the first place.

To date, Microsoft has been the most reliable source of new products and technology. They have created services that no other company could and therefore have an unusually large market share. But their ability to be the best should not be punished. Instead other companies should be considered to perform at the same rate of growth and operating efficiency that Microsoft does.

I look forward to the IT industry returning to normal and a large part of their comeback will be Microsoft's ability to focus on business, not politics.

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cc: Senator Rick Santorum